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Expressing the sense of the Senate that October 15, 1998, should be designated as “National Inhalant Abuse Awareness Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. D’AMATO, Mr. HELMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. INOUE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that October 15, 1998, should be designated as “National Inhalant Abuse Awareness Day”.

Whereas inhalant abuse is nearing epidemic proportions with over 20 percent of all students admitting to experimenting with inhalants by the time they graduate from high school and only 4 percent of parents suspecting their children of inhalant use;

Whereas according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, inhalant use ranks third behind use of alcohol and tobacco for all youths through the eighth grade;

Whereas the over 1,000 products that are being inhaled to get high are legal, inexpensive, and found in nearly every home and every corner market;

Whereas using inhalants even once can lead to kidney failure, brain damage, and even death;

Whereas inhalants are considered a gateway drug, one that leads to the use of harder, more deadly drugs; and

Whereas because inhalant use is difficult to detect, the products used are accessible and affordable, and abuse is so common, increased education of young people and their parents regarding the dangers of inhalants is an important step in our battle against drug abuse: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) it is the sense of the Senate that October
3 15, 1998, should be designated as “National Inhal-
4 ant Abuse Awareness Day”, to be observed with ap-
5 propriate activities; and

6 (2) the Senate requests that the President issue
7 a proclamation designating October 15, 1998, as
8 “National Inhalant Abuse Awareness Day”.

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